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RSPA-99-6355-9

December 20, 1999

Ms. Beth Callsen
U.S. Department of Transportation
Dockets Facility
Room PL-401
Washington, DC 20590-0001

RE: U.S. Department of Transportation - Research and
Special Programs Administration - Docket No.
RSPA-99-6355; Notice 1 - Pipeline Safety: Enhanced
Safety and Environmental Protection for Gas
Transmission and Hazardous Liquid Pipelines in High
Consequence Areas - Notice of Public Meetings and
Request for Comments - Of Interest to the State of
Florida
SAI: FL199911050868C

Dear Ms. Callsen:

The Florida State Clearinghouse, pursuant to Presidential Executive Order 12372, Gubernatorial Executive Order 95-359, the Coastal Zone Management Act, 16 U.S.C. §§ 1451-1464, as amended, and the National Environmental Policy Act, 42 U.S.C. §§ 4321, 4331-4335, 4341-4347, as amended, has coordinated a review of the above-referenced project.

The Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (DACS) notes that as the projects proceed, there should be a continued awareness regarding the possible of Fire Hazards within the State Forests. Good communications and coordination between the Pipeline Companies and each Division of Forestry Fire District are of primary importance. Please refer to the enclosed DACS comments.

Based on the information contained in the above-referenced notice and the enclosed comments provided by our reviewing agencies, the state has determined that the above-referenced action is consistent with the Florida Coastal Management Program.

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Area of Critical State Concern Field Office
205 East Main Street, Suite 104
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COUNTY: State

DATE: 11/05/1999

COMMENTS DUE-2 WKS: 11/20/1999

CLEARANCE DUE DATE: 12/20/1999

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Message:

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& Support Services Bureau
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Tallahassee, FL 32399-1650

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Division of Forestry
FRP&SS BUREAU

Division/Bureau:

Reviewer:

Date:

11-18-99

REGARDS:: FL 9911050868C

Comments:

Of interest to the State of Florida. As projects proceed, there is a need for a **continued** high skate of awareness as to the possibility of Fire Hazards within the State Forests. Good communications and **coordination** are of primary importance between the Pipeline Companies and each Florida Division of Forestry Fire **District**.



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FOREST ECOLOGIST
BUREAU OF FOREST MANAGEMENT

BOB CRAWFORD, COMMISSIONER
STATE OF FLORIDA
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
AND CONSUMER SERVICES

DIVISION OF FORESTRY
3125 CONNER BLVD., C-25
TALLAHASSEE, FL 32399-1650

COUNTY: State

DATE: 11/05/1999
COMMENTS DUE-3 WKS: 11/26/1999
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From:

Division/Bureau: LEGISLATIVE & GOV'TL AFFAIRS

Reviewer: [Signature]

Date: 11/18/99

COUNTY: State

Message:

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COMMENTS DUE-2 WKS: 11/20/1999

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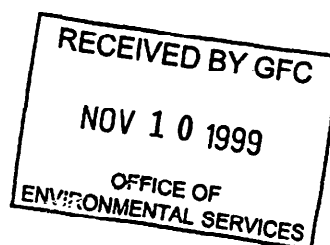
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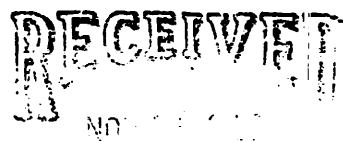
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From: FWC

Division/Bureau: Environmental Services

Reviewer: Douglas B. Bailey

Date: 11-12-99



STATE OF FLORIDA GOVERNMENT

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From:

Division/Bureau:

Environmental Management Office

Reviewer:

Larry A. Rayfield

Date:

11/30/99

NORTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
Project Review Form

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TO: State Clearinghouse
Department of Community Affairs
2555 Shumard Oak Boulevard
Tallahassee, FL 32399-2100

State of Florida Clearinghouse

DATE: November 24, 1999

SUBJECT: Project Review: Intergovernmental Coordination
Title: U.S. Dept. of the Transportation - Research and Special Programs
Administration - Docket No. RSPA-99-6355; Notice 1 - Pipeline
Safety: Enhanced Safety and Environmental Protection for Gas
Transmission and Hazardous Liquid Pipelines in High Consequence
Areas - Notice of Public Meetings and Request for Comments - Of
Interest to the State of Florida.
SAI #: FL991 1050868C

The District has reviewed the subject application and attachments in accordance with its responsibilities and authority under the provisions of Chapter 373, Florida Statutes. As a result review, the District has the following responses:

ACTION

- ☒ No Comment.
- ☐ Supports the project.
- ☐ Objects to the project; explanation attached.
- ☐ Has no objection to the project; explanation optional.
- ☐ Cannot evaluate the project; explanation attached.
- ☐ Project requires a permit from the District under _____

DEGREE OF REVIEW

- ☒ Documentation was reviewed.
- ☐ Field investigation was performed.
- ☐ Discussed and/or contacted appropriate office about project.
- ☐ Additional documentation/research is required.
- ☐ Comments attached.

SIGNED


Duncan Jay Cairns
Chief, Bur. Env. & Res. Plng.

COUNTY: State

DATE: 11/05/1999

COMMENTS DUE-2 WKS: 11/20/1999

CLEARANCE DUE DATE: 12/20/1999

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NO COMMENT

From:

NWF-WMD

Division/Bureau:

Resource Management Div.

Reviewer:

Duncan J. Cairns

Date:

29 Nov 99

COUNTY: State,

DATE : 11/05/1999

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From:

Division/Bureau:

REGULATION DEPT.

Reviewer:

JFM GOLDEN

Date:

11/15/99

COUNTY: State

Message:

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FDLP Reviews Pipeline Projects

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From:

Division/Bureau: EDG/CBBENV

Reviewer: F. G. (G. H. H.)

Date: 12/14/99



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December 8, 1999

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US DOT – Research and Special Program
Pipeline Safety

Att: Glenn Church

The Northeast Florida Regional Planning Council **staff** has reviewed the above Activity. Responses endorsing this project were not received from local agencies.

Based on the information contained in the Project Description and after a review of the Comprehensive Regional Policy Plan goals and policies the **staff** finds the proposal to be “consistent” with the regional policy:

This activity also generally conforms with the policies, plans, and programs of the Northeast Florida Regional Planning Council.

This letter signifies that the Northeast Florida Regional Planning Council **staff** has no objection to the above cited Activity

Sincerely,

Wayne Dyess, AICP
Regional Planner

NORTHEAST FLORIDA
REGIONAL IC&R CLEARINGHOUSE
AGENCY RESPONSE FORM

DUE DATE: 12/10/99

RETURN TO:
Wayne A. Dyess
IC&R Regional Planner
NE FL Regional Planning Council
9143 Philips Hwy., Suite 350
Jacksonville, FL 32256

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Administration – Docket No. **RSPA-99-6355**; Notice 1 – **Pipeline Safety**:
Enhanced Safety and Environmental Protection for Gas Transmission and
Hazardous Liquid Pipelines in High Consequence Areas – Notice of Public
Meetings and Request for Comments – of Interest to the State of Florida


TO: Jeannie Fewell TITLE: Director


AGENCY: City of Jacksonville Planning & Development Dept.

REVIEW: Please review the attached project notification and indicate your response below.
Give a detailed explanation when desired.

PLEASE DO NO RETURN THE PROJECT APPLICATION – IT IS FOR YOUR RECORDS.

RESPONSE:

1. This agency has no comment on the project. 
2. We want more information on the project; no conflict is indicated.
(Specify below the information desired) _____
3. We want more information on the project as a conflict is indicated.
(Specify below the information desired) _____
4. We desire a conference with the applicant. (Explain below) _____
5. Applicant should be informed of certain laws and regulations which
may affect the project. (Explain below) _____
6. This agency endorses the project. _____
7. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

(Use back if necessary)
REVIEWED BY:  _____
Name/Title Initial Date
B/6/99

Please indicate other agencies that might review the applicant's proposal:

South
Florida
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December 2, 1999

VIA FACSIMILE & U.S. MAIL

Ms. Cherie Trainor
Florida State Clearinghouse
Department of Community Affairs
2555 Shumard Oak Blvd
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RE: SFRPC #99-1127, SAI# FL9911050868C; Request for comments on the enhanced safety and environmental protection for gas transmission and hazardous liquid pipelines in high consequence areas, U.S. Department of Transportation, Statewide.

Dear Ms. Trainor:

We have reviewed the above-referenced funding application and have the following comments:

- Council staff generally agrees that the proposal will benefit the South Florida region and will further our goals for a more livable, sustainable, and competitive South Florida. The project, as proposed, is generally consistent with the Strategic *Regional Plan for South Florida* (SRPP), specifically the following goals and policies:

Strategic Regional Goal

- 3.2 Develop a more efficient and sustainable allocation of the water resources of the region.

Regional Policies

- 3.2.9 Require all inappropriate inputs into Natural Resources of Regional Significance to be eliminated through such means as; redirection of offending outfalls, suitable treatment improvements or retrofitting options.

Strategic Regional Goal

- 7.6 Achieve flexible and comprehensive emergency planning for a variety of emergencies

Regional Policies

- 7.6.2 Local governments should **devote** increased **attention to regulation and enforcement of** operations and maintenance of man-made systems such as pumps and pipelines for extremely high hazardous materials to mitigate emergencies.

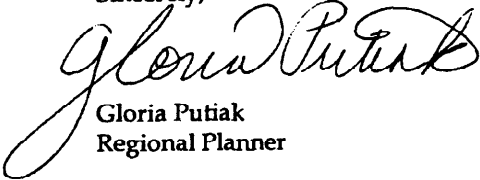
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December 2, 1999
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7.6.3 Promote the federal, state and regional coordination of a public information and awareness program concerning various types of hazards and appropriate response.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. We would appreciate being kept informed on the progress of this project. Please do not hesitate to call if you have any questions or comments.

Sincerely,



Gloria Putiak
Regional Planner

GP/cp

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**FLORIDA STATE CLEARINGHOUSE
RPC INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION
AND RESPONSE SHEET**

SAI #: FL9911050868C

DATE: 11/05/1999

COMMENTS DUE TO CLEARINGHOUSE: 12/05/1999

AREA OF PROPOSED ACTIVITY: COUNTY: State

☐ **FEDERAL ASSISTANCE** ☐ **DIRECT FEDERAL ACTIVITY** ☐ **FEDERAL LICENSE OR PERMIT** ☐ **OCS**

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

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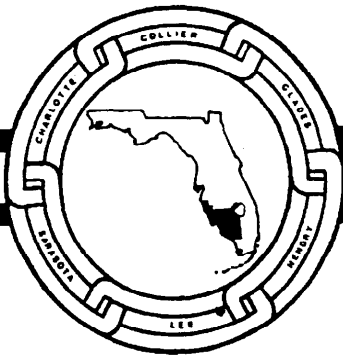
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U.S. Department of Transportation
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400 Seventh Street, SW
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RE: IC&R Project #99-493
State Clearinghouse #FL9911050868C

Notice 1 - Pipeline Safety: Enhanced Safety and Environmental
Protection for Gas Transmission and Hazardous Liquid Pipelines in High
Consequence Areas - State of Florida.

Dear Sir or Madam:

The staff of the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council reviews various proposals, Notifications of Intent, Preapplications, permit applications, and Environmental Impact Statements for compliance with regional goals, objectives, and policies, as determined by the Strategic Regional Policy Plan. The staff reviews such items in accordance with the Florida Intergovernmental Coordination and Review Process (Chapter 29I-5, F.A.C.), and adopted regional clearinghouse procedures.

These designations determine Council staff procedure in regards to the reviewed project. The four designations are:

Less Than Regionally Significant and Consistent no further review of the project can be expected from Council.

Less Than Regionally Significant and Inconsistent Council does not find the project of regional importance, but will note certain concerns as part of its continued monitoring for cumulative impact within the noted goal area.

Regionally Significant and Consistent project is of regional importance, and appears to be consistent with Regional goals, objectives, and policies.

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Regionally Significant and Inconsistent project is of regional importance and does not appear to be consistent with Regional goals, objectives, and policies. Council will oppose the project as submitted, but is willing to participate in any efforts to modify the project to mitigate the concerns.

The above referenced document has been reviewed by this office, based on the information contained in the document, and on local knowledge, has been found Regionally Significant and Consistent with adopted goals, objectives, and policies of the Strategic Regional Policy Plan.

Should you or any other party request this finding to be reconsidered, please contact **Nichole L. Gwinnett**, IC&R Coordinator, with this request, or any questions concerning staff review of this item. This recommendation will be discussed at the next scheduled Council meeting. Should Council action differ from the staff recommendation, you will be notified.

Sincerely,

SOUTHWEST FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL



 Wayne E. Daltry
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cc: Cherie Trainor, Florida State Clearinghouse

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TCRPC NUMBER: 99-FL-11-03 SAI#FL9911050868C

APPLICANT: United States Department of Transportation

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Federal Register Notice of Request for Comments for Pipeline Safety

The applicant announces a public meeting on November 18th and 19th, 1999 to consider the need for additional safety and environmental regulations for gas transmission lines and hazardous liquid pipelines in high consequence areas. The Office of Pipeline Safety intends to incorporate a process into its regulations to validate pipe integrity in these high consequence areas.

FUNDING AGENCY: None

PROJECT COSTS: N/A

RECOMMENDATIONS: This direct federal activity is not in conflict with the goals, strategies, and policies of the SRPP.

AGENCIES CONTACTED: Indian River County
St. Lucie County
Martin County
Palm Beach County

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NOTES: The above has been found to be consistent with the West Florida Strategic Regional Policy Plan, adopted July 15, 1996. Additional comments are attached.

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High Aquifer Recharge Areas as “High Consequence Areas” - Also of concern, as mentioned above, is defining high aquifer recharge potential areas as locations which are “High Consequence Areas.” Many of these areas are rural in Florida, which might tend to allow for more relaxed planning concerns. However, these recharge areas are essential towards providing quality groundwater to Florida’s burgeoning urban populations.

EPCRA Facilities as “High Consequence Areas” - I believe another type of “High Consequence Area” is when a pipeline passes adjacent to or within a facility which uses, stores or produces Extremely Hazardous Substances as defined by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Pipeline plans should identify proximity of such facilities and discuss additional safety equipment or infrastructure which would prevent a snowball-type of accident which could involve both pipeline and any fixed facility which reports EHS’s under the Emergency Planning and Community Right-To-Know Act (EPCRA). Perhaps LEPC’s which are functional and have the proper staffing resources should be commissioned and funded by RSPA to work with the pipeline industry to identify the locations of EPCRA facilities near pipelines which will be subject to the proposed rules.

Correctional Facilities as “High Population Density Areas” - Correctional facilities should be considered a “High Population Density Area” in the rules. Although most of these facilities are located in rural areas, any pipeline accident near such a facility could become catastrophic in terms of need for evacuation, injury, or potential loss of life, and particularly in terms of risk to a given community.

Railroads as “High Consequence Areas” - Similar to concerns for navigation vessels impacting pipelines crossing water bodies, the proposed rules might consider “High Consequence Areas” to be where pipelines parallel or cross railroads where speed limits are high and the potential for a derailment to force an engine or loaded car into the ground, thus rupturing a pipeline, would be possible.

Intersections and Roadways near Pipelines as “High Consequence Areas” and “High Population Density Areas” - Pipelines or “City Gates” located near high traffic count intersections or roadways, adjacent to bridge overpasses, etc. where the potential for impact is possible might be considered as “High Consequence Areas”. Intersections can be filled with people... they just happen to be sitting in cars, vans, and busses. These might also be considered to be “High Population Density Areas.”

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NOTES: 11/16/99: See WRPC comments attached.

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Docket No. RSPA-99-6355
Notice 1: Pipeline Safety - Gas Transmission and
Hazardous Liquid Pipelines in High Consequence Areas
WRPC ICR #: 110-F22-99-USDOT

Dear Ms. Trainor:

Pursuant to the provisions of Presidential Executive Order 12372, Governor's Executive Order 95-359, and WRPC Rules Ch. 29E-6, *FAC*, the staff of the **Withlacoochee** Regional Planning Council reviewed the above-referenced project, which appears to be consistent with the goals and policies of the WRPCs adopted *Strategic Regional Policy Plan for the Withlacoochee Region*. Applicant should be aware of the following goals and policies which may be applicable to this program:

Policy 3.6.1: Limit industrial and public utility land use activities where extremely hazardous substances would routinely be used near large populations and/or public facilities.

Policy 3.6.3: Discourage or prohibit the location of new commercial or public facilities which regularly use, handle, or store hazardous materials in coastal high-hazard and floodplain areas or within defined well-field cones of influence.

Where such siting occurs in accordance with local government comprehensive plans, require the development of a comprehensive facility emergency preparedness plan which clearly defines measures to mitigate the effects of hazardous material releases.

- Policy 4.3.1:** Protect ground- and surface-water quality through the regulation of land use activities which may cause water pollution. Siting criteria and containment requirements should be established for: landfills, stormwater, wastewater, agricultural, and industrial impoundments, land application of wastewater sludge and effluent, use and disposal of pesticides, herbicides, fertilizer and other hazardous materials, and underground storage tanks.
- Policy 4.3.10:** Require protective devices to prevent construction activity from causing increased sediment in surface waters or wetlands.
- Goal 4.4:** Maintain the integrity and natural value of floodplains, and manage floodplains through non-structural means.
- Policy 4.4.11:** Limit dredging to maintenance of existing channels, and retention and detention ponds. Do not dispose of dredged material in wetlands unless it is for the purpose of restoring an altered system, or in sensitive vegetative communities. Require restoration or mitigation where dredge and fill regulations have been violated.
- Goal 4.5:** Maintain and restore coastal resources and the natural functions of coastal ecosystems.
- Policy 4.6.10:** Prohibit Outer Continental Shelf oil and gas exploration and production and onshore service facilities where marine or estuarine ecosystems would be threatened by routine operations or accidental occurrences.
- Goal 4.8:** Avoid adverse impacts to the natural functions of the region's wetlands or surface water systems from development and redevelopment.
- Policy 4.8.1:** Coordinate regulatory programs to ensure that the ecological functions of the region's river systems are not degraded. Develop or enhance intergovernmental coordination strategies that will result in a cooperative approach toward the management, preservation, and protection of the region's wetlands and waterways, with special emphasis on those which cross jurisdictional boundaries.

Ms. Cherie Trainor, Coordinator

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Policy 4.8.5: Prohibit new interference to the functions of coastal and riverain wetlands as integrated natural systems. Restore ecological functions of wetland systems where they have been degraded or destroyed.

Policy 4.8.10: Require restoration where wetlands have been illegally impaired by drainage, dredge and fill, or other activities to provide an overall net environmental benefit.

Goal 4.9: Maintain and enhance the habitat and populations of native species of plants and animals.

We appreciate the opportunity to comment on this proposal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Vivian A. Whittier".

Vivian A. Whittier
ICR Procedural Coordinator

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Enc.

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